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SUBJECT: TROPICAL PRODUCTS NEGOTIATIONS

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1. WHILE THE GOVERNMENT OF KENYA (GOK) DOES NOT USE OFFICIAL TRADE OR TARIFF BARRIERS THAT COULD BE DEALT WITH IN TROPICAL PRODUCTS GROUP MTN THEY NO UTILIZE A VARIETY OF PRACTICES THAT CAN BE CONSIDERED DISCRIMINATORY IN NATURE. THESE PRACTICES ARE NORMALLY UTILIZED BY THE GOK AS A MANNER OF CONSERVING SCARCE FOREIGN EXCHANGE (SEE REF B).

2. THE MOST COMMONLY USED "ADMINISTRATIVE" ACTION USED BY THE GOK IS TO SIMPLY DELAY THE PROCESSING OF IMPORT PERMITS FOR CERTAIN CATEGORIES OF GOODS FOR LONG PERIODS OF TIME, I.E. SIX TO SEVEN MONTHS, WITH NO EXPLANATION. THIS PRESENTS THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY THE PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT PROBLEM OF TRYING TO FIGURE OUT JUST WHAT IS BEING PROHIBITED AND FOR HOW LONG.

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3. ANOTHER METHOD USED IS TO "ADMINISTRATIVELY" BAN THE

IMPORT OF CERTAIN COMMODITIES WITHOUT INCORPORATING  
THE BAN IN ANY GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS. AN EXAMPLE OF  
THIS IS THE GOK BAN ON THE IMPORTATION OF RICE EVEN  
WHILE THERE IS A DOMESTIC SHORTAGE OF 20,000  
METRIC TONS ANNUALLY; THERE ARE NO IMPORT LICENSES ISSUED  
TO BRING RICE INTO THE COUNTRY. THE GOK USED THIS  
SAME MECHANISM IN LATE 1974 TO STOP THE IMPORT OF  
MOTOR VEHICLES WITHOUT MAKING ANY PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT.  
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